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GARzette

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Please Help With the GARS / Gwinnett ARES Dog Show Fundraiser



Please sign up to volunteer at <http://www.gars.org>

Message from the President

I'm going to start off by calling this my begging and call to volunteer column! I feel extremely fortunate to live in an area with such an amazing Amateur Radio Club, one of the best ARES organizations and an amazing number of Amateurs who call GARS their club home. There is a reason that GARS was named the Hamvention Club of the Year in 2014. This award means we are one of the best of the best clubs for Amateur Radio in the nation with so many activities supporting Amateur Radio and our community.

We also enjoy one of the outstanding ARES groups not only in Georgia, but across the country. Gwinnett ARES is one of the best trained groups of volunteers anywhere and has much of what ARES has done locally has been adopted by the Georgia Section and copied by other ARES groups across the country.

I'm not sure others realize the incredible relationship that exists between GARS and ARES. Having had the opportunity to visit clubs and ARES groups around the country, you just don't see the kind of partnership and cooperation that exists between these two separate, but very connected groups of Amateurs.

I don't think any of this would be possible without a very large, diverse and very talented population of licensed Amateurs that call Gwinnett and neighboring counties home. We enjoy a club that has grown to around 300 members through the volunteer leadership of the club over the years and exceptional participation of the members. None of the recognition we have achieved and benefits we enjoy would be possible without this.

We do a lot of radio activities from TechFest to Winter Field Day, the Georgia QSO Party, May Madness, Field Day, Dog Shows, support the AMRC Hamfest in Lawrenceville, school radio clubs, HamCrams, license exam sessions and so much more. What we need to remember is that it takes volunteers to make these activities happen.

We are fortunate to have a group of volunteers who are willing to give of their time and come out to organize and participate in these important activities. As with any organization, the 80-20 or 90-10 rule usually applies meaning 80% of the work is usually done by 20% of the people. In many cases, that can apply to GARS as well.

We have an important activity coming up this month with an opportunity to volunteer just a little of your time. GARS has participated in Dog Shows for many years and as a



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result, benefits from the donation to the club by the participating Kennel Clubs. It doesn't take a large number of people to support a Dog Show on each of the four days, but having more people participate eases the load on others.

With that said, I hope each of our 300 members will consider volunteering for at least one four-hour shift on one of the four days. I understand that work and family activities are the most important use of our time, but can you find four hours or even just a few hours on one of the four days to come out and help? The more that participate, the easier our support of this event will be. Please consider signing up on the GARS website for a slot on one or more of the days, August 23-26. Normal time slots are 6a-10a and 10a-2p each day. As of the time of

writing this column, we can use plenty more members to support this event.

I know I am looking forward to travelling to Huntsville for a great Hamfest this month. If you haven't been to the Huntsville Hamfest, it's one worth making and it's not too far from home. You are guaranteed to enjoy that the entire Hamfest is indoors at the Von Braun Center including boneyard, dealers and an exciting list of Forums. With so much high tech and space industry experts in the area, it makes for some very informative Forums you won't find at any other Hamfests. I know I'll see many GARS members on the 18th and 19th in Huntsville.

See you at the next meeting and on the air!

73,

**WB4QDX,
Club
President**

"It is not the class of license the Amateur holds, but the class of the Amateur that holds the license."

[Author Unknown]

GARS August Meeting and Workshop

I Got My License, Now What?

by David Harden, KJ4CMY
Tuesday, August 14, 2018 7:00 pm

Show & Tell of CW Keys

by Vaden McDonald, NN4K
Tuesday, August 21, 2018 7:00 pm

Sports Aviation Complex—Hangar 1
690 Airport Road
Lawrenceville, GA 30045

[Directions to EAA Hangar](#)

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GARS Communications

<u>2 Meter Repeaters</u> 147.075(+) MHz Tone 82.5 147.255(+) MHz Tone 107.2	<u>6 Meter Repeater</u> 53.110 (-1 MHz) No Tone (Offline for Maintenance)
<u>1.25 Meter Repeater</u> 224.580(-) MHz Tone 100.0, 1.6 MHz Offset	Other Resources: <u>APRS</u> 144.390 -- 1200 Baud W4GR
<u>70 Cm Repeaters</u> 444.525(+) MHz Tone 82.5 442.100(+) MHz Tone 100 442.325(+) MHz Tone 100	<u>D-STAR</u> WD4STR 145.060 + (1.4 MHz) 440.550 + (5 MHz)

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For additional information view our Website at: <http://www.gars.org>
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ARRL Scholarships

ARRL Foundation Announces 2018 Scholarship Recipients

The recipient of the Gwinnett Amateur Radio Society Scholarship, in the amount of \$1,000, is Emily E. Wilbourn, KM4JXB, of Buford, GA. A thank you letter written by Emily to Norm WA4ZXV, is shown below.

The recipient of the L. Phil and Alice J. Wicker Scholarship, in the amount of \$500, is GARS member Ruth Willet, KM4LAO, of Cana, VA.

Congratulations to Emily and Ruth!



Source: <http://www.arrl.org/news/arrl-foundation-announces-2018-scholarship-recipients>

Dear Mr. Schklar,

Thank you so much for your generosity in donating to the Gwinnett Amateur Radio Society Scholarship. My name is Emily Wilbourn and I'm the recipient of that scholarship this year. I'm planning on using the money to fund my education at Mercer University this upcoming school year as a mechanical engineering major. I look forward to continue to use my ham radio license to serve the community in Macon, Georgia while in college, as Mercer heavily encourages its students to go out and serve in the community.

73,
Emily Wilbourn, KM4JXB

GARS Member Recognition

Award Recipients Named by ARRL Board of Directors

At its July meeting, the ARRL Board of Directors named the recipients of several awards and honors. Among the recipients:

Ruth Willet, KM4LAO, was named to receive the 2018 ARRL Hiram Percy Maxim Memorial Award. A student at Kettering University, Willet was instrumental in re-establishing the school's Amateur Radio club and has mentored new licensees, among other activities. She earned the August 2017 QST Cover Plaque Award and has written articles for other Amateur Radio news outlets. ARRL's top youth honor, The Hiram Percy Maxim Memorial Award is given annually to an ARRL member under the age of 21, whose accomplishments and contributions to both the community of Amateur Radio and the local community are "of the most exemplary nature." The award carries a cash award of \$1,500 and a suitably engraved plaque.

Read the complete list of Award Winners: <http://www.arrl.org/news/award-recipients-named-by-arrrl-board-of-directors>

In Other News:

"Amateur Radio Roundtable" is a live ham show, broadcast every Tuesday night 8:00 PM CT (9 PM ET) at <http://W5KUB.com>. The August 7 broadcast features Ruth, KM4LAO. You can watch the video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PHuTMiXdfng>

Outstanding job Ruth!



Aug 7
Amateur Radio Roundtable
Bringing ham radio to you
Watch on
W5KUB.COM
Tues 8:00 PM central (0100 UTC Wed)

Tom Medlin W5KUB

Katie Allen WY7YL

Please join us for a great night of ham radio. This Week Katie Allen talks with Ruth Willet, KM4LAO, the 2018 Hiram Percy Maxim Award winner. Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, retired Special Counsel to, the FCC will answer your questions. Check out what Dave and Tom are working on this week. More info on Huntsville AL hamfest, and much more. Don't forget our preshow HF net on 7180 khz starting at 5:30 PM central time. We invite everyone to join W5KUB on Facebook.





Martin F. Jue K5FLU
Founder MFJ Enterprises

Dave Casler
KE0OG

Riley Hollingsworth K4ZDH
Retired FCC Special Counsel
Vice Director, ARRL Atlantic Division

Phone lines and chat room will be open for viewers questions and comments.
This program is also simulcast on world famous international shortwave station WBCQ on 5130 KHZ

GARS Happenings

20 Years ago in the August 1998 GARzette:

- The majority of the issue, including the “President’s Pen” is dedicated to Jud Whatley, W4NZJ (SK). A special 4 page insert discusses his contributions to GARS and Amateur Radio.
- The ARES / SkyWarn article discussed the upcoming Simulated Emergency Test (SET).
- An article in the May 4 Washington Post discusses a new Virginia antenna tower law, which overrides tower height restrictions imposed by local governments.
- The GARzette scored a “superior” rating in a judging service held by the Amateur Radio News Service (ARNS).

You can always browse the GARzette archive at <http://www.gars.org/newsletters>



73, *Bill*, WB2RIS, GARzette Editor

July 21 & 28 GARS General HamCram Results

We had an excellent exam session at our General Class License HamCram. 10 out of 12 applicants passed!

Congratulations to John, WB4QDX and Ralph, KJ4CNC for another job WELL DONE!!!

Exam session results:

- 10 upgraded to General.

Interesting note: We had one student from Las Vegas, NV attend this class and exam session.

Special thanks to the VE's who made this exam session possible:

Sid Weaver N4NQ (Co-CVE)
Frank Haynes KV4SP
Donna McCord KM4FMW
Richard Kitz KM4SWL
Russell Prevost KN4CGO

Karen Whited AB4NW
Larry Whited AB4NX
Chuck McCord KK4TKJ (Co-CVE)
Nick Doemland AB4CQ
Pam Meridy WB1AKQ
John Davis WB4QDX
Ralph Pickwick KJ4CNC

Thanks & 73,
Dave Bruse, W4DTR (CVE)
GARS VE Team Leader
Email: exams@gars.org

GARS HELP WANTED

Georgia QSO Party Chairperson - a volunteer is needed to organize and coordinate next year's Georgia QSO Party in April, 2019 and beyond. The chairperson will schedule the facility, recruit station captains and volunteers to organize food and antennas.

Winter Field Day (WFD) Chairperson -- a volunteer is needed to organize and coordinate next year's Winter Field Day operating event in January, 2019 and beyond. The chairperson will schedule the facility, recruit station captains and volunteers to organize food and antennas. The outgoing Chairperson (Dave, W4DTR) will train you if needed.

If you're interested in volunteering for one of these positions, please contact one of the GARS Officers. Supporting GARS activities is an important part of what we do and the help of club members is needed.

Thanks to Karen Albritton, KI4HPP, for taking on the volunteer role of GARS Public Information Officer!

Thanks to Mark Fenley, KM4DJO, for taking on the volunteer role of Techfest.info webmaster!

[PS— Articles to publish in the GARzette, either written by GARS members or published elsewhere, are always welcome. —Ed.]

Beginner's Corner

Rereading Your Old Manuals

I made a presentation a few weeks ago to a group of prospective hams. I happened to find my old technician class study manual. It was apparently buried deeply within the bowels of my office/shack. You know it goes. "I'll set this down and look at it later." Then something else gets set on that, and then something else, and then....

I did show it to the class and decided to pick it up and look at the questions. I was amazed at how much I had retained from that manual and how much I had forgotten. I am glad I did not give my old manual away or throw it away. I had forgotten how much good information there is between its covers.

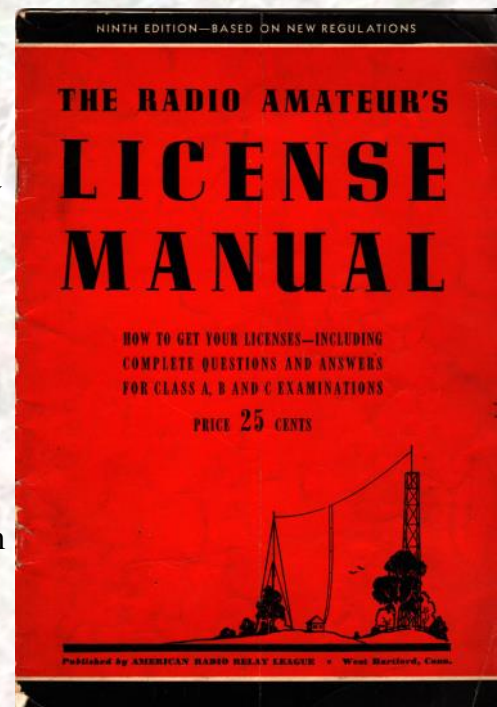
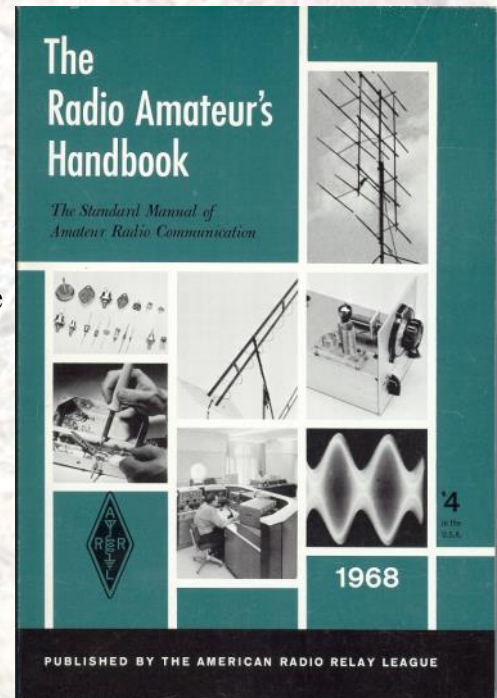
I will try to spend a few minutes each day perusing its pages. Hopefully I will find hidden amateur radio gems long since forgotten.

That brings me to the point. I hope none of you ever throws away his or her copy of their license manuals. Yes, mine is "out of date" in that some of the test questions may have changed a bit. As I recall, each license test, technician, general and general changes every four years. However, most of the information contained in your manuals will likely never change. Ohm's Law will always be Ohm's Law. Yes, there may be questions about newer technologies in upcoming exams, and hence in newer manuals. I have heard it, and it is perhaps the most profound statement I have ever heard about amateur radio, "An amateur radio license is a license to learn."

Yes, please hold on to those old license manuals, moreover, it would be a great idea to crack open those manuals and read them over, even if for a few minutes a day. It will enable you to answer questions of others more easily, and it might just help you be a better amateur radio operator.

73 de *David Harden*, KJ4CMY

License Manual image source: Museum of Yesterday, Gallery 6 of the Communications Collection
<http://www.demajo.net/museum/page7.htm>



Gwinnett ARES Highlights

By Karen Whited, AB4NW

Meetings are held the 4th Tuesday at 7:30pm at the Emergency Operations Center on Hi Hope Road. Contact Hall Collier W4IGE for further information.

GWINNETT ARES LEADERSHIP

Hall Collier W4IGE

Emergency Coordinator

David Adcock KA4KKF

Assistant Emergency Coordinator for Training

Nick Doemland AB4CQ

Assistant Emergency Coordinator for Membership and Business & Administration

Kyle Albritton W4KDA

Assistant Emergency Coordinator for Communications

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Assistant Emergency Coordinator for Public Health

Jeff Cutchins AB4HF

Assistant Emergency Coordinator for Recruitment and Retention

Kevin Highsmith KJ4WOG

Nets and Skywarn Manager

Karen Whited AB4NW

Public Information Officer

NATIONAL ARES ORGANIZATION

There are 15 ARRL Divisions, and we are in the *Southeastern Division*. Within this Division are seven Sections as follows:

Alabama	West Central Florida
Georgia	Puerto Rico
Northern Florida	U.S. Virgin Islands
Southern Florida	

STATE ARES ORGANIZATION

Within the *Georgia Section*, there are nine Districts:

- 1 Northwest
- 2 Northeast
- 3 Metro
- 4 West Central
- 5 Central
- 6 East Central
- 7 Southwest
- 8 South Central
- 9 Southeast



LOCAL ARES ORGANIZATION

The *Metro District*, of which Gwinnett ARES is part of, is made up of one ARES group in each of 14 counties, except for Fulton which also contains Atlanta ARES.

Butts	DeKalb	Fulton
Cherokee	Fayette	Paulding
Clayton	Gwinnett	Rockdale
Cobb	Henry	Spaulding
Coweta	Newton	

STATE LEADERSHIP

Within the *Georgia Section*, several of our Gwinnett ARES members hold leadership positions.

Hal Collier W4IGE

1. *District Emergency Coordinator for Metro*
2. *Assistant District Emergency Coordinator for ARES MAT (Mutual Assistance Team)*

Larry Whited AB4NX

Assistant District Emergency Coordinator for ARES MAT

John Davis WB4QDX

Assistant Section Emergency Coordinator for Digital Communications

David Adcock KA4KKF

Assistant District Emergency Coordinator for Metro - Digital Communications

Lee Stone KT4LS

District Emergency Coordinator for State Operations



Our July meeting featured John Davis WB4QDX teaching about Winlink 2000, one of several digital modes we use in deployments, drills, and nets. Winlink 2000 offers email with attachments, position reporting, weather bulletins, emergency relief communications, and message relay.

Net Managers Corner

Monday Night 2 Meter “Want, Swap, Sell, and Information Net”

GARS NEEDS MEMBERS TO SERVE AS NET CONTROL STATIONS!

GARS is a great Amateur Radio service club and we have the membership and awards to prove it. Our club is a very busy and active club and we use the Monday night net to get the information out to our members. Weekly participation is needed to make our net function well. There is only a small group of very dedicated people that make the net happen each week, and we need more members to volunteer to serve as Net Control Stations (NCS) on a rotating basis.

Out of almost 300 members, there are only fifteen primary people who serve as NCS for the GARS net every Monday night. In no particular order, they are:

Norm - WA4ZXV	Kyle - W4KDA	Mitch - N0DIM
Ruth - KM4LAO	Hal - W4IGE	Don - KW4AL
Ray - N4GYN	Sandy - KJ4DRO	John - WB4QDX
Bill - KK4AUA	David - KK4KAF	Kevin - KK4WOG
Chuck - KK4TKJ	Mike - KK4KHS	Donna - KM4FMW

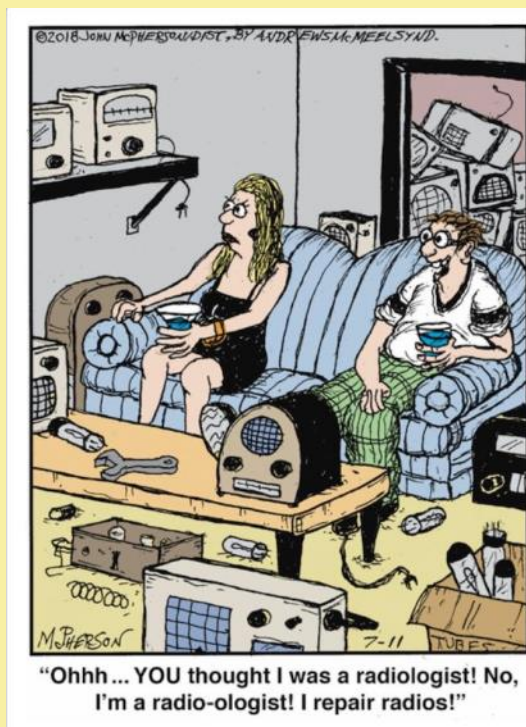
As GARS Net Manager (Chuck KK4TKJ), I really need 26 people to fill NCS positions. I do plan and post the schedule months in advance. Any conditions will be accommodated that you as a rotating NCS need to place on the scheduling of your duties. If your plans change, I can make adjustments for the schedule to work, and I will make those changes happen as soon as I am notified of a problem. As Net Manager, I also send out reminders each week to let the NCS scheduled know he or she is NCS for the next Monday night net. In short, serving as a rotating NCS is a small duty but a great contribution to the club.

The “Want, Swap, Sell Information Net” begins promptly at 19:30 every Monday night and runs about 45 minutes. As a scheduled NCS, you will request the assistance of a volunteer alternate NCS each time you have Net Control. Your simple duties will be to tune in to the GARS repeater, read the script, take a few notes and forward the information to me for record keeping.

Please lend a hand and contact me at KK4TKJ@arrl.net. Sign up to help support the effort that makes GARS the great club that it is.

73 and see you on the Nets!

Chuck McCord, KK4TKJ



GARS Membership Page

New GARS Members in July

Robert Lopez (KN4NSP)
Jeffrey Pere (KN4NQQ)

New Members: 2

Total Members as of August 1, 2018
292

**Join GARS members for our
 weekly breakfast gathering at
 7:30 AM most Saturdays**

at

Golden Corral
2155 Riverside Parkway
Lawrenceville, GA 30043

([Directions](#))

**The following members are
 celebrating birthdays
 in August:**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!
From All of Us at GARS

Dave Adanich (K8WDJ)
Kyle Albritton (W4KDA)
Emory Albritton
Michael Bales (KN4MJW)
Bruce Brown (WA8IQF)
Stephen Dearman (KI4IXR)
Richard Dickson (W4WRD)
John Dreggors (K4SWV)
George Guerin (KM4BOS)
David Harden (KJ4CMY)
Jared Hawkins (KM4SSI)
Rob Hoppe (KI4SBT)
Gary Jones (W4HX)
Richard Jones (KM4JLB)
Mark Koenig (KM4AJE)
Kim Kropat (K4UAL)
Ron Langston (WE50)
Samuel McClure (KM4AAO)
Robert Sloan (WA4DD)
Earl Whatley (AF4FG)
Laurence Whited (AB4NX)

GARS MEMBERSHIP

Your current GARS membership status is shown in the monthly newsletter e-mail towards the bottom of the message.

To become a GARS member, or to renew your GARS membership, please visit our website—<http://www.gars.org>

To make changes to your GARS membership (moved, new e-mail address, new phone number, etc.), please e-mail the Membership Committee - membership@gars.org

You can **renew or update** your Amateur Radio license information with the FCC at their website for free <http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/index.htm?job=home>

To update your ARRL information, please visit their website - <http://www.arrl.org>

Membership Chair: Karen Albritton, KI4HPP
 Committee Members: Dave Bruse, W4DTR, Pam Meridy, WB1AKQ

EXTRA! EXTRA!

Repeater Status

6M	currently down
147.075	Operational in Snellville
147.255	Operational in Snellville
224.580	Operational in Grayson
442.100	Operational at Goshen Springs
442.325	Operational in Buford
444.525	Operational in Snellville

Link remote receivers being added



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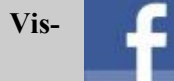
GARS on Social Media

GARS has moved from Yahoo Groups
to Groups.io!

If you were subscribed to the
Yahoo group, you have been automatically
enrolled in Groups.io!



Join GARS on Groups.io:
<http://gars.org/groups.io>



Vis- it GARS on Facebook:
<http://gars.org/facebook>








Join GARS on YouTube:
<http://gars.org/youtube>















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GARS MEETING MINUTES

Gwinnett Amateur Radio Society – GENERAL Meeting Minutes 7/10/2018

President John Davis (WB4QDX) Opened the meeting at 7:00pm and Closed the meeting at 8:45pm
EAA Facility, 690 Hanger Rd. Lawrenceville, GA.

Introductions and Visitors: Visitors were recognized and full Introductions of the [66] attendees followed.

Treasurer: Pam Meridy (WB1AKQ) Gave the Club financial report.

Membership Report: Karen Albritton (KI4HPP) reported that Membership is at [301].

Program Chair: Randy Collins (N4COR)

Upcoming Programs:

- **August** New License, now what?
- **September** EAA
- **October** Show and tell
- **November** Bouvet DXpedition
- **December** GARS Christmas Party

GARS Workshop Program: David (W4DTR) outlined the next few workshop sessions coming up:

- **July** CPR / AED (not a certification course)
- **August** Show & Tell of CW Keys
- **September** Introduction to D-STAR

Fund Raiser:

- **David (KA4KKF)** exclaimed the up coming Dog show would be the last one for August.
- **John (WB4QDX)** reminds us of the 'Smiles' program. <https://smile.amazon.com/program> where GARS benefits from your Amazon purchases. Go to the link, Search for 'Gwinnett Amateur Radio Society' and chose us to be your recipient.
- **Dave (W4DTR)** mentions too about the benefits GARS receives from your Kroger purchases as well.

Break:

Program: Selecting Your First Radio by Ed Woodrick (WA4YIH)

Submitted by: **Joe Biddle (AD4PZ) GARS Secretary**

ARRL CONTESTING INFO

From ARRL Contest Calendar

> For more information click the links <

August 2018

- 4-5 [222 MHz & Up Distance Contest](#)
18-19 [10 GHz and Up – Round 1](#)
19 [Rookie Roundup - RTTY](#)

September 2018

- 8-10 [September VHF](#)
15-16 [10 GHz & Up—Round 2](#)
29-30 [EME - 2.3 GHz And Up](#)

October 2018

- 15-19 [School Club Roundup](#)
27-28 [EME - 50 to 1296 MHz](#)

November 2018

- 24-25 [EME - 50 to 1296 MHz](#)
3-5 [Nov. Sweepstakes – CW](#)
17-19 [Nov. Sweepstakes – Phone](#)
30 [160 Meter \(Day 1\)](#)

December 2018

- 1-2 [160 Meter \(Days 2 and 3\)](#)
8-9 [10 Meter](#)
16 [Rookie Roundup—CW](#)

January 2019

- 1 [Straight Key Night](#)
5 [Kid's Day](#)
5-6 [RTTY Roundup](#)
19-21 [January VHF Sweepstakes](#)

February 2019

- 11-15 [School Club Roundup](#)
16-17 [International DX – CW](#)

March 2019

- 2-3 [International DX– Phone](#)

April 2019

- 14 [Rookie Roundup – Phone](#)

June 2019

- 8-10 [June VHF](#)
15 [Kid's Day](#)
22-23 [Field Day](#)

For more information:

<http://www.arrl.org/contest-calendar>

HAMFEST CALENDAR

08/18/2018 | [Southeastern Division Convention \(Huntsville Hamfest\)](#)

Location: Huntsville, AL

Type: ARRL Convention

Sponsor: Huntsville Hamfest Association

Website: <http://www.hamfest.org>

08/31/2018 | [Roanoke Division Convention \(Shelby Hamfest\)](#)

Location: Shelby, NC

Type: ARRL Convention

Sponsor: Shelby Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://shelbyhamfest.org>

09/15/2018 | [Byron Hamfest](#)

Location: Byron, GA

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Central Georgia Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://WA4ORT.com>

09/21/2018 | [W4DXCC DX and Contest Convention](#)

Location: Pigeon Forge, TN

Type: ARRL Convention

Sponsor: SouthEastern DX and Contesting Organization (SEDCO)

Website: <http://W4DXCC.com>

09/29/2018 | [Covington Hamfest](#)

Location: Covington, GA

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Newton County Radio Club

Website: <http://ncrcga.org>

For more information:


<http://www.arrl.org/hamfests-and-conventions-calendar>

Note: When searching by division, remember some states adjacent to GA are in different divisions:

Southeastern: GA, AL, FL Delta: TN Roanoke: NC, SC

GARS Events Calendar for 2018		GARS Recurring Calendar
Dog Show Fundraisers Feb 1-4, August 23-26 Tech HamCrams March 31, October TechFest (www.techfest.info) January 20 Winter Field Day January 27 & 28 Georgia QSO Party April 14 & 15 North metro area Fox Hunt April 7 May Madness May 4—13 Memorial Day Parade May 28 ARC/KARC Hamfest June 2 Field Day June 23 & 24 General HamCram July 21 & 28 JOTA October Maker Faire October Stone Mt. Hamfest November 3 & 4 Christmas Party December		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7 pm (except December): Monthly Club Meeting ♦ 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7 pm (except December): Monthly Workshop ♦ 2nd Sunday of the Month at 2 pm: GARS Ham Exam Session Fire Station #24 2735 Mall of Georgia Blvd Buford, GA 30519 ♦ Every Monday at 7:30 pm: GARS Want, Swap, Sell, and Information Net on the GARS 147.075 MHz repeater ♦ Every Monday at 8:30 pm: ARES Training on the GARS 147.075 MHz repeater ♦ Most Saturdays at 7:30 am: GARS Weekly Breakfast Golden Corral Restaurant 2155 Riverside Parkway, Lawrenceville, GA 30043
September GARS Speaker Learn more about the EAA by Joel Levine, WA4HNL		

GARS CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR AUGUST 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
July 29	July 30 7:30 - 8:00 pm GARS 2m Net	July 31	1	2	3	4 7:30 - 9:30 am Breakfast at Golden Corral Riverside Drive
5	6 7:30 - 8:00 pm GARS 2m Net	7	8	9	10	11 7:30 - 9:30 am Breakfast at Golden Corral Riverside Drive
12 GARS VE Team Testing Session Starts at 2:00 pm Gwinnett Co. Fire Station #24	13 7:30 - 8:00 pm GARS 2m Net	14 5:00 - 6:30 pm Dinner 7:00 - 9:00 pm GARS Meeting	15	16	17	18 7:30 - 9:30 am Breakfast at Golden Corral Riverside Drive
19	20 7:30 - 8:00 pm GARS 2m Net	21 5:00 - 6:30 pm Dinner 7:00 - 9:00 pm GARS Workshop	22 	23 6am-2pm 2 shifts Dog Show Fund Raiser ATL Expo Center	24 6am-2pm 2 shifts Dog Show Fund Raiser ATL Expo Center	25 7:30 - 9:30 am Breakfast 6am-2pm 2 shifts Dog Show Fund Raiser
26 6am-2pm 2 shifts Dog Show Fund Raiser ATL Expo Center	27 7:30 - 8:00 pm GARS 2m Net	28	29	30	31	September 1 7:30 - 9:30 am Breakfast at Golden Corral Riverside Drive

Metro Testing Sessions	Ham Exam Results	Metro Club Meetings
<p><i>GARS publishes Metro Atlanta VE exam schedules as a service and is not responsible for errors or changes. Call and confirm schedules before going. All sessions are walk-in. Take copies of current license and certificate of completed elements with you to all sessions. Find additional sessions online at http://www.arrl-ga.org.</i></p> <p>First Sunday, ODD Months 2 pm (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, & Nov) VEC: WCARS Braserton Public Utility Building 4986 Highway 53, Braserton, GA Contact: Roger Gibson, WB4T (770) 271-4210 or (770) 712-9560 w4rlg@bellsouth.net</p> <p>First Sunday, EVEN Months 2 pm (Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec) VEC: WCARS Hall County EOC 470 Crescent Dr. Gainesville, Ga. Contact: Perry Roper, KO4RD (770) 536-3056</p> <p>Second Saturday 10:00 AM Alpharetta North Park, Adult Activities Center 13450 Cogburn Rd, Alpharetta, GA 30004 Contact: Ian Kahn, KM4IK E-mail: km4ik.ian@gmail.com</p> <p>Third Saturday, ODD Months VEC: ARRL 9:30 am (Appointments required, no walk-ins) Stone Mountain Masonic Lodge 840 VFW Drive Stone Mountain, GA 30083 Contact: Frank Haynes, KV4SP Email: fhaynes@vatmom.net (678) 467-3712</p> <p>Second Sunday VEC: W5YI 2 pm Fire Station #24 Mall of Georgia Boulevard Buford, GA 30519 Contact: Dave Bruse, W4DTR E-mail: exams@gars.org</p> <p>Third Saturday VEC: W5YI 2 pm @ Barrow Co. Emerg. Serv. Bldg 66 McElroy Street Winder, GA 30680 Contact: Steve Donellan, N5SMD (404) 520-0368 E-mail: n5smd@comcast.net</p> <p><i>(cont. next column)</i></p>	<p>July Results</p> <p>We had a very successful VE session Sunday, July 8. Six folks tested and all passed the license level they were seeking. Four new Extra class hams and two new Technician class hams went away very happy, as did all of the following VE team members who made the session possible.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dale Lynch, AE8DL • Allison Lynch, AB4YL • Yolanda Pence, KM4AAQ • Russell Prevost, KN4CGO • Steve Back, WB2OGY • Nick Doemland, AB4CQ • Dave Bruse, W4DTR, CVE • Don Bagby, KK4NJM, Co-CVE • Rich Kitz, KM4SWL • Pam Meridy, WB1AKQ • Frank Haynes, KV4SP <p>73, <i>Sid Weaver</i>, N4NQ (Co-CVE)</p> <p>GARS VE Team Leaders E-mail: exams@gars.org</p> <p>GARS VE Website: http://gars.org/exams</p> <p>Fourth Tuesday ARRL VEC 7 pm @ United Way Service Center 6279 Fairburn Rd., Douglasville Contact: Jessie Clower, KB4WFK (770) 942-6466</p> <p>Fourth Sunday 2:30 pm Georgia Tech VanLeer Elec. Building Rm. W218, 777 Atlantic Dr. For more information go to www.w4aql.com and click on "Test Sessions"</p>	<p>First Tuesday Kennehoochee ARC Downtown Marietta Fire Station #1, Training Room 112 Haynes Street Marietta, Georgia 30060 Meeting begins at 7:00pm Talk In 146.880(-)</p> <p>First Thursday Atlanta Radio Club Georgia Red Cross HQ 1955 Monroe Dr., Atlanta Meeting is at 7:30pm Talk In -146.820(-)</p> <p>N.E. Georgia ARC Commerce Public Library 1344 South Broad Street, Commerce Meeting is at 6:30pm Talk In - 147.225(+), PL 123.0</p> <p>Second Monday Georgia Tech ARC Room W218 Van Leer Electrical Engineering Bldg. Georgia Tech Campus Meeting at 7:00pm</p> <p>Second Thursday Alford Memorial Radio Club Annistown Road Baptist Church Annistown Rd & Spain Rd Stone Mountain Dinner at 6:00pm, Meeting at 7:30pm Talk In - 146.760(-)</p> <p>Second Saturday North GA QRP Club Board Room of The Shepherd Center 2020 Peachtree Rd, NW, Atlanta at 10:00 AM</p> <p>Third Tuesday North Fulton Amateur Radio League Alpharetta Recreation & Parks Dept Alpharetta Adult Activity Center 13450 Cogburn Road Alpharetta, GA 30004 meeting at 7:30pm Talk In - 145.47(-)</p> <p>For more information, go to: http://www.gars.org/</p>

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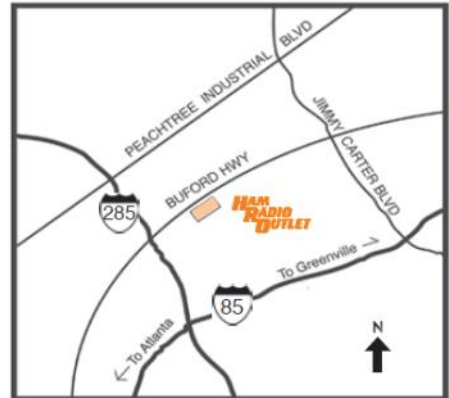


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